

Minutes of the Population Technical Advisory Committee

Friday, January 28, 2005
DERS Conference Room
1789 West Jefferson Street
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Arizona State University – Tom Rex
Department of Economic Security – Linda Strock / Peter Kozy
Department of Health Services – Richard Porter / Christopher K Mrela
Department of Water Resources – John Fortune
Department of Transportation – Joe Flaherty
Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona – Norm Petersen
Central Arizona Association of Governments – Bill Leister
League of Arizona Cities & Towns – Tom Belshe
Maricopa Association of Governments – Harry Wolfe
Northern Arizona Council of Governments – Chris Fetzer
Pima Association of Governments – Sandy White
Western Arizona Council of Governments – Dave Barber
* City of Phoenix – Max Enterline
*Department of Environmental Quality – David Lillie
*State Land Department – Mila Hill

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Department of Commerce
Department of Education
Department of Revenue
The Navajo Nation

County Supervisors Association of Arizona
*Department of Insurance
*Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization

ALSO PRESENT:

Samuel Colón, Department of Economic Security
Susan Kanzler, Department of Economic Security

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Alberta Charney, University of Arizona
Rich Gaar, South Eastern Arizona Governments Organization
Ron Gunderson, Northern Arizona University

*NON-VOTING MEMBER

1. Call to Order.

John Fortune called the meeting to order at 10:55 am.

2. Approval of Minutes of Prior POPTAC Meeting.

John Fortune asked if there were any comments on the minutes for the prior meeting. There was one comment. Harry Wolfe commented for Anubhav Bagley who could not attend, that it would take approximately 6 months for them to develop their sub regional projections, nothing that disagrees with the minutes.

John Fortune called for a motion to accept the minutes as written. Norm Petersen moved and Joe Flaherty seconded the motion to approve minutes as written from the January 28th POPTAC meeting. The motion was approved.

3. New business.

John Fortune made a call to the audience for new business. Linda Strock mentioned that back in December there was meeting with the COG Directors and DES as well as the Governors office to discuss issues related to population estimates and projections activities. In particular, there is an interest in reviewing how we are doing the projections and looking at the possibility of putting together a review of the projections model. This is something we have done in the past. In 1990, we had a study by the U of A to see what methods were available to us at that time and decided to go with the demographic model which we are using currently. We will make sure POPTAC is aware of any developments regarding a task force to review projections.

4. Update on Consultant.

Pete Kozy reported that sometime next week we will have a Consultant under contract. DES will be using him right away. Linda Strock noted that contact was already made with the consultant by a POPTAC member. We are concerned about people making contact with a consultant that, at this point, is not under contract with us. We will certainly share information with POPTAC as we complete this process. John Fortune asked if we have any information on what the consultant is initially going to do? Linda Strock said that his initial responsibilities will relate to population estimates. When we were reviewed by the Auditor General a year ago, one of their recommendations was that we should hire or contract with a PhD demographer.

5. 2005 POPTAC Meeting Calendar.

Joe Flaherty expressed concern for the March 18th meeting date.

Norm Petersen made a motion that we accept the March 25th date for the 2005 POPTAC quarterly meeting. Joe Flaherty seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

6. County Projections.

John Fortune asked if someone would like to start. David Lillie agreed to summarize. He noted that he had 13 pages of notes and would just make a few short statements. Susan Kanzler is going to review the different models, and with the first pass it was suggested that she look at the add factor options. For example, look at planned units in the different counties and just focus on that. The second would be to look at the Maricopa residual since this is the area where the population growth is pushing from one county to another. Linda Strock said she that the third option would be based on what we learned from the list of activities that we have already been assigned to look at.

Tom Rex suggested there were some issues on his list that should be looked at first. One was that the jumping off point should be number change rather than percent change. Second, we should do more investigation to understand why migration is different than the 97 model. The migration drop issue that might involve looking at the comparison to the 97 model. Third, Tom suggested that it might be preferable to use the 1995 to the 2000 migration rates rather than the 2000 to 2004 rates based on the most current estimates. Susan thought it would be several weeks before we will see results. Tom Rex added that it would be hard to estimate the time.

John Fortune asked if there were further comments. Someone asked how does one factor in population of the extra planned units? Linda Strock said, that this model is demographic model. We have the ability to do add factoring, which allows us to make some adjustments due to the economy. Tom Rex explained that the modeling effort becomes very judgmental for this type of change.

7. Adjournment.

John Fortune asked if there was anything else. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned the at 11:20 p.m.